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Subject: FW: Statement on recent SJWP study
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Jannah I would suggest take out the wording about the public meeting, and just state that EPA will provide a public comment period to receive input from the public, etc..... the rest looks ok to me.

From: Miller, Garyg
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 4:20 PM
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Donn,

See Jannah's draft response below – looks OK to me, but wanted your input too.

Thanks,

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From: Durant, Jennah
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Hi Gary—

I have an inquiry from Univision about Kathleen Garland's report "The San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site: An Assessment of Remedial Options for Sites with Dioxin-contaminated Sediments with Implications for Remedy Selection at the San Jacinto Site."

Here is the inquiry:

I hope this message finds you well. Univision 45, a news-media station in Houston, TX, is working a story today regarding the following topic:

The newly released report on The San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site: An Assessment of Remedial Options for Sites with Dioxin-contaminated Sediments with Implications for Remedy Selection at the San Jacinto Site.

Dr. Garland's report compared Houston's notoriously controversial Superfund Site, the San



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Jacinto River Waste Pits (SJRWPs), to 7 similar Superfund Sites around the country. The report highlighted that larger sites in more complex settings have been fully remediated in order to meet EPA guidelines. The corporate giants (Waste Management of Texas, McGinnis Industrial Maintenance Corporation, and International Paper) potentially responsible (PRPs) for the SJRWPs, argue that containing the Waste Pits and leaving them in the San Jacinto River is the best clean-up remedy for the Site – However, Dr. Garland’s report illustrated why this remedy is not an acceptable “clean-up” method per EPA policy and past practices.

I would like to request statement from EPA regarding this topic.

What do you think of this as a statement? Might need filling in a bit:

Because of the complexity of the San Jacinto Waste Pits site, EPA asked the US Army Corps of Engineers to review options for the site remedy. Once this review is complete, EPA will announce a proposed alternative in a Proposed plan, which will be available for public comment. EPA will host a public meeting during the comment period to allow public participation in the remedy selection process.

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